

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application and claims 1-10 stand rejected.

Claim Objection

Claim 7 is objected to due to informalities. Taking the Examiner's comments into consideration, claim 7 has been amended. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to claim 7 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Doshita et al. (US Patent 6,575,760).

The present invention is a power-supply wiring device mounted in a sliding door of a car. This power-supply wiring device supplies electric power continuously from the vehicle to the sliding door while absorbing changes in wire length between the sliding door and the vehicle when the door is opened and closed. This power-supply wiring device includes a first case (5) for receiving a wire harness (4) folded into a U-shape, a moving portion (7), a harness holding member (8) disposed rotatably in the moving portion (7), and a second case (44) that receives the harness holding member (8). In the power-supply wiring device the first case (5) is located on the sliding door and the second case (44) is mounted on the vehicle body. The harness holding member (8) connects between the first case (5) located on the sliding door and the second case (44) mounted on the vehicle body.

Doshita et al. describes a power supply device for a sliding door in motor vehicle. This power supply device includes a wire harness (3) which includes a curved segment (20) which is housed in a protector (9). The protector (9) has curved walls (28, 29), guide rail 30, slider 31 and first and second harness outlets (32, 33). When the slide door (1) is opened/closed, the wire harness (3) shuttles to and fro within the second wire harness outlet (33).

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome Doshita et al. Specifically, a description of the second case (44) has been added to claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the prior art relied upon by reciting,

“A power-supply wiring device comprising: a first case mounted on a sliding structure capable to receive a wire harness folded into a U-shape; a second case mounted in a fixed structure; a moving portion movable freely along said first case; and a harness holding member mounted on said moving portion for holding said wire harness and leading said wire harness out of said first case, wherein the second case receives the harness holding member and which allows the harness holding member to swing freely in and out of the second case, wherein harness holding member connects the first case and the second case.” (Emphasis Added)

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Doshita et al. (US Patent 6,575,760) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-10, as amended, are believed to be allowable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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